



MINUTES

PUBLIC EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Monday, February 4, 2019 | 8:00 a.m. | 445 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard, Senate Chair
Rep. Steve Eliason, House Chair
Rep. Steve Waldrip, House Vice Chair
Sen. Lincoln Fillmore
Sen. Ann Millner
Sen. Kathleen Riebe
Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson
Sen. Ronald Winterton
Rep. Joel K. Briscoe
Rep. Craig Hall
Rep. Dan N. Johnson
Rep. Bradley G. Last

Rep. Karianne Lisonbee
Rep. Jefferson Moss
Rep. Marie H. Poulson
Rep. Susan Pulsipher
Rep. V. Lowry Snow
Rep. Robert M. Spendlove

Members Absent:

Rep. Francis D. Gibson

Staff Present:

Ms. Mary Stringham, Session Secretary
Ms. Emily Willis, Financial Analyst
Mr. Ben Leishman, Fiscal Analyst

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Chair Eliason called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

1 . Budget Review: Child Nutrition Programs

Mr. Ben Leishman, Committee Fiscal Analyst, presented the budget review for the Child Nutrition Programs.

Mr. Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent of Operations for the Utah State Board of Education (USBE), with the assistance of Ms. Kathleen Britton, Director of Child Nutrition Programs for USBE, provided an agency response.

2 . Budget Review: Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind

Ms. Emily Willis, Committee Financial Analyst, presented an overview of the budget for the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind utilizing a slide presentation.

[3b-Issue Brief - USDB Budget Detail](#)

Mr. Joel Coleman, Superintendent of Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (USDB), Ms. Michelle Tanner, Associate Superintendent for the Deaf, and Ms. Carolyn Lasater, Associate Superintendent for the Blind, provided an agency response to the budget review.

[3a-USDB Budget Presentation](#)

[3c-Schools Budget Presentation \[USDB\]](#)

Rep. Joel Briscoe paid a compliment to USDB.

Rep. Waldrip asked a question about cost and fees for families in the program and Mr. Coleman responded.

Mr. Coleman presented USDB's first funding request: Educator Salary Adjustments \$2,030,800 (ongoing).

Rep. Moss asked a clarifying question about step and lane salary scale and Mr. Coleman responded that USDB now had a single lane salary scale based on performance.

Rep. Last asked a clarifying question about the salary adjustment formula and Mr. Coleman responded.

Rep. Last asked a follow up question and Mr. Coleman responded.

Sen. Riebe asked a clarifying question about the new salary scale and Mr. Coleman responded.

Mr. Coleman presented USDB's second funding request: Large District Rule Opt-Out \$1,724,300 (ongoing).

Sen. Hillyard asked a clarifying question regarding a concern raised by an educator about the transition from the district-wide program to the statewide program and Mr. Coleman responded.

Sen. Hillyard asked a follow up question about retirement and Mr. Coleman responded.

Chair Eliason asked a clarifying question about WPU for the students and Mr. Coleman responded.

Rep. Last asked a clarifying question about the budget and Mr. Coleman responded.

Sen. Riebe asked a clarifying question about the request and Mr. Coleman responded.

Mr. Coleman presented USDB's third budget request: Utah State Instructional Materials Center (USIMAC) \$500,000 (one time/three year).

Mr. Coleman invited Mr. Jim Russell, Executive Director of the Division of Facilities Construction and Management (DFCM), to present USDB's Springville Campus and inform the committee of the unexpected costs of construction.

Rep. Snow asked a clarifying question about the unexpected costs and Mr. Russell, Director DFCM, responded.

Rep. Snow asked a follow up question about the Springville Campus and Mr. Coleman responded.

Rep. Briscoe asked a clarifying question about the increased construction costs and Mr. Russell responded.

Rep. Briscoe asked if the current steel tariffs also contributed to the increased construction costs and Mr. Russell responded that the tariffs increased costs by 3.9% on projects.

Rep. Last commented on the escalating costs of construction in the state.

Chair Eliason responded with a joke.

Sen. Riebe commented on the importance of USDB's Springville Campus.

Sen. Hillyard assumed the chair.

Mr. Russell made a final comment.

3 . Budget Review: Science Outreach

Mr. Leishman presented the Budget Review for the Science Outreach Program.

4 . Informal Science Education Enhancement (iSEE)

Mr. Jones with the assistance of Jaime Barrett, MSP Administrator for USBE, provided an agency response for USBE and the Informal Science Education Enhancement (iSEE) funding request.

[4a-Agency Budget Requests \[USBE\]](#)

Chair Hillyard asked a clarifying question about what programs are currently funded by iSEE and Ms. Sydnee Dickson, State Superintendent for USBE, responded.

Rep. Briscoe asked a clarifying question about iSEE programming outcomes and Ms. Dickson responded.

Rep. Poulson made a comment on the benefits of the iSEE.

iSEE partner Seth Jarvis, Director of the Clark Planetarium, spoke to the iSEE funding request and distributed a handout on the iSEE collective impact.

Chair Hillyard commented on the positive response educators and students have had to iSEE.

Sen. Riebe thanked Mr. Jarvis for the work iSEE does.

Mr. Leishman explained the program process for funding.

Rep. Waldrip recalled his experience with these programs and thanked iSEE for the work they do.

Rep. Briscoe asked about the impact of past funding increases and Mr. Jarvis responded.

Rep. Dan Johnson commented on iSEE's impact and expressed his gratitude, Mr. Jarvis responded.

Chair Hillyard urged his committee members to attend iSEE or POPs programs at their own local schools.

Mr. Jarvis invited other iSEE members to stand.

Chair Hillyard called for a recess.

5 . Break

Chair Eliason called the meeting back to order.

Rep. Eliason resumed the chair.

6 . 9:35 a.m. Budget Review: Minimum School Program - Basic School Program

Mr. Leishman presented the budget review for the Minimum School Program- Basic School Program utilizing a slide presentation.

Chair Eliason commented on Mr. Leishman's presentation.

Chair Eliason asked a clarifying question on the budget review and Mr. Leishman responded.

[7-MSP Budget - Basic School Program](#)

Rep. Briscoe asked a clarifying question about school fees and Mr. Leishman responded.

Rep. Poulson asked a clarifying question regarding criteria for charter weighting and Mr. Leishman responded.

Rep. Winterton asked a clarifying question about classifying special education students and Mr. Leishman responded.

Sen. Hillyard commented on classification of special education students.

Sen. Riebe asked a clarifying question about funding in charter schools and Mr. Leishman responded.

Chair Eliason commented on the precision of the budget review.

Sen. Riebe asked a clarifying question about the budget review and Mr. Leishman responded.

Rep. Briscoe asked a clarifying question related to the Property Tax Impact and Mr. Leishman responded.

Mr. Leishman asked a question about the agenda due to time constraints.

Sen. Hillyard assumed the chair.

Chair Hillyard commented on Rep. Briscoe's question.

Mr. Leishman briefly presented an overview of enrollment growth and provided the committee with recommendations.

[7a-MSP Annual Adjustments](#)

Sen. Riebe asked a clarifying question about funds and Mr. Leishman responded that he would provide a summary of H.B. 283 to create greater clarification for the committee.

Sen. Fillmore asked a clarifying question about the WPU and Mr. Leishman responded.

Mr. Jones with the assistance of Ms. Barrett began the agency response to the budget review and presented the first request: 5.5% Increase to the Value of the WPU.

Mr. Jones presented the second request: Student Enrollment Growth 1.02% or ~\$35.6 Million (ongoing) and \$4.3 Million (one-time).

MOTION: Rep. Johnson moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 14 - 0 - 5.

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Rep. J. Briscoe
Sen. L. Fillmore
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Rep. S. Pulsipher
Sen. K. Riebe
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. R. Spendlove
Rep. S. Waldrip
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays-0

Absent-5

Rep. S. Eliason
Rep. F. Gibson
Sen. A. Millner
Rep. J. Moss
Sen. J. Stevenson

Chair Hillyard adjourned the meeting at 10:48 a.m.